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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 5552.0953-04

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Mathias FIBI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1642  
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Application No.: 08/897,441 ) Examiner: K. Canella  
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Filed: July 21, 1997 ) Confirmation No.: 4501  
)  
For: *Erythropoietin (EPO) Peptides and* )  
*Antibodies Directed Against These* )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the  
Office Action of June 8, 2004. A fee of \$980.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 6, 2004

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